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April 6, 2014

via E-Mail

Re:

Public Comment to 2013/2014 Butte County Department of Public Works Ground Operations Preliminary Application

Mr. Crump,

I request that the above referenced application include the following changes:

- 1.A. Statement of GO activity
- The proposed Ground Operations should be listed as occurring within a <u>project area</u>, not limited to the specified roads and campgrounds in the application. The project area should be the lands within the Plumas National Forest Feather River Ranger District's sphere of influence.

Reason – Issues due to OHV operation will occur in the entire area not just upon or within the specified roads and campgrounds. Volunteers will be: picking up trash in areas outside of the specified projects in the Grant application in both an organized or informal manner; reporting road and trail issues; reporting OHV user issues; clearing fallen trees and brush from any road and trail to prevent rerouting; repairing minor water runoff or "user bypass" damage on any trail; communication and education activities; etc. Volunteer hours spent outside the specified projects in the Grant application should count towards the volunteer match required. This will facilitate meeting the required volunteer hours.

- 2) The Butte County Resource Conservation District as Project Coordinator duties shall also include:
  - Accepting information from the public, including those activities as mentioned in the above 1.A. reasoning;
  - b. Logging volunteer hours that occur within the project area;
  - c. Being the volunteer liaison with the Plumas National Forest to get approval for other volunteer activities that occur within the project area; and
  - d. Creating accurate descriptions for 1.C. and 1.D. through collaboration with the Plumas National Forest and volunteers.

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- Volunteer hours spent outside the specified projects in the Grant application shall also be countable towards the quantity of volunteer hours stated in the Project Cost Estimate.
- 1.C. Describe the size of the specific Project Area in acres and/or miles

By including the project to be an "area", the OHV opportunity within that area should include a reference to The Plumas National Forest Motorized Vehicle Use Map, titled "Jarbo Gap".

http://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE\_DOCUMENTS/stelprdb5409109.pdf

I am not aware that the Plumas National Forest has listed just the mileage of OHV opportunity on the Feather River Ranger district. Therefore, a note should be made regarding the entire total miles of OHV opportunity is stated in the Plumas National Forest Travel Management FEIS Recreation Resources Section 3.2, Table 7

| Vehicle Type          | Alt. 5 Mileage |
|-----------------------|----------------|
| Passenger Car<br>Only | 627            |
| Mixed Use             | 3491           |
| 4WD Trails            | 265            |
| ATV Trails            | 46             |
| Motorcycle Trails     | 53             |
| Total Miles           | 4,482          |

## 1.D. Location and description of OHV opportunities

Same as 1.C. and adding the opportunity described in the Plumas National Forest Travel Management FEIS Recreation Resources Section 3.2 as pertaining to Alternative 5.

http://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE\_DOCUMENTS/stelprdb5211561.pdf

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